



CRISS CROSS CUFF BRACELET

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Learn about Memory Wire and make a beautiful, sparkly, cuff bracelet!



Instructions:

Step 1:

- Cut a 4 ft. (1.2m) piece of WildFire and add a needle on both ends.

Step 2:

- With one needle, pick up (1) 4mm bead, (1) 6mm bead, and (1) 4mm bead and move them to the center of the WildFire. Pick up (1) 6mm bead and pass back through it with the other needle. Pull snug and make sure the beads are centered on the WildFire. You'll want to keep a medium tension in this project.

Step 3:

- On one needle, pick up (1) 4mm bead. On the other needle, pick up (1) 4mm bead. Pick up (1) 6mm bead and pass back through it with the other needle. Pull snug. Repeat until your bracelet is the length you want it. I used (48) 4mm beads and (25) 8mm beads in my sample. Weave your tails in and tie off.

Adding The Memory Wire to Create a Cuff:

Step 1:

- Cut (2) pieces of Memory Wire slightly larger than your wrist.

Step 2:

- Thread one piece of Memory Wire through the 4mm beads on one side of the bracelet. Thread the other piece of Memory Wire through the 4mm beads on the other side of the bracelet.

Step 3:

- Spread the beadwork out so that there is the maximum space between the 4mm beads along the Memory Wire.

Step 4:

- Cut a 5 ft (1.5m) piece of 24 gauge Artistic Wire.

Supplies:

- Beadalon® Silver-Plated Memory Wire, Oval Bracelet - Item # 10469796
- Artistic Wire®, Silver 24 Gauge - Item # 10193635
- Beadalon® WildFire™ Bead Weaving Thread, 006" - Item # 10104818

Tools:

- Beadalon® Professional Series Tungsten Carbide Jaw Hard Wire Semi-Flush Cutter - Item # 10770412
- Beadalon® Designer Series Round Nose Pliers - Item # 10770399
- Beadalon® Designer Series Chain Nose Pliers - Item # 10770397
- Beadalon® Hard Beading Needles, Size 10 - Item # 10332394
- Beadalon® WildFire Cord Cutter - Item # D5218635
- Precision Scissors by Recollections™ - Item # 10591717

Step 5:

- Position the 24 gauge Artistic Wire about 1.5ft from the end (.46m) in the middle of the cuff and wrap the long side diagonally around the 6mm center beads. Continue wrapping until you reach the last 6mm bead then start wrapping back towards the middle so that the wire makes an "X" around the 6mm center beads. Continue until you reach the place you started wrapping.

Step 6:

- Use the other wire to wrap diagonally around the 6mm center beads until you reach the other end. When you've reached the end, use the middle wire to wrap back to the end so that the wire makes an "X" around the 6mm center beads.

Step 7:

- Tuck the ends back through the last 6mm bead. (If they don't fit through the bead, that's ok.) Wrap each wire tail around the Memory Wire 3 times. Trim and tuck the ends.

Step 8:

- Make sure your design is centered on the oval loops. Trim the ends of the Memory Wire to about 3/8in (1cm). Turn loops on all of the ends and wear as a cuff, or use jump rings to add a clasp.

Beads

- Light Pink Glass Pearl Round Beads by Bead Landing™ - Item # 10547885
- Aqua Matte Glass Pearl Round Beads by Bead Landing™ - Item # 10594112